

Don't Answer The Phone by Miranda Rijks – Discussion Questions

****There are spoilers in the following questions****

1. Daniella steps in to stop Peggy being mugged on a Boston street. Would you have done the same? What did that moment tell you about her?

2. What was your first impression of Lucas? When did you first notice the red flags?

3. Daniella's marriage to Grant had lost its spark, and she'd persuaded him to try couples counselling. Did you understand why she was drawn to Lucas? Did it change how you felt about her?

4. Did you have sympathy for Daniella after her night with Lucas, or did you feel she brought some of her troubles on herself?

5. Should Daniella have told Grant the truth straight away? How might things have been different if she had?

6. Can a single mistake ever justify the consequences Daniella faced? Should one betrayal be enough to end a marriage of more than twenty years?

7. The story is told from the points of view of Daniella, Lucas and Peggy. How did being inside Lucas's head affect your experience of the book?

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8. Lucas befriends Grant and charms the twins, Arlyse and Tasia. Why do you think he worked his way into the family rather than pursuing Daniella directly? Which moment unsettled you the most?

9. Why do you think Daniella found it so hard to make other people see what Lucas was really like?

10. What did you think of Peggy at the start? How did your feelings about her change as more was revealed?

11. How much do you think Peggy knew about her son? Is a mother ever responsible for the actions of her adult child?

12. When Daniella found out about the death of Lucas's former girlfriend, what did you suspect?

13. Daniella's kindness is what makes her vulnerable. Do you think kind people are easier to manipulate? Has a good deed ever backfired on you?

14. Why do you think the book is called Don't Answer The Phone?

15. Were you surprised by the twists? Which revelation shocked you the most?

16. Did you find yourself judging any of the characters for the choices they made? Who and why?

17. How did you feel about the ending? What do you think the future holds for Daniella and her family?

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